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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 10, 1996 OFFICE ACTION

This Supplemental Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 10, 1996 in connection with the above-identified application. An Amendment In Response To June 10, 1996 Office Action And Petition For A Three-Month Extension Of Time was filed on December 10, 1996. Applicants file this Supplemental Communication to expedite the prosecution of the subject application. This Supplemental Communication should be read together with the December 10, 1996 Amendment. In the event of any inconsistency, this Supplemental Communication is controlling.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8-16, 18-20 and 44-52 are pending and under examination.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the specification, and the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 and §112, second paragraph of the June 10, 1996 Office Action, applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to the December 10, 1996 Amendment.